

preferred duration for each multimedia object prior to starting playback of the multimedia object; and

resolving the duration of multimedia objects using said information based on actual multimedia object durations and actual delayed arrival time of information of multimedia objects to be played.

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5. (Newly added) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of playing said each multimedia object.

6. (Newly Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein said actual multimedia object durations are larger than a preferred duration.

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7. (Newly Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein said actual multimedia object durations are smaller than a preferred duration.